

July 19, 2021

Fr. Earl Smith SJ
St. Pius X Parish
16 Smithville Cres
St. John's, NL A1B 2V2

Dear Fr Earl

Thank you for the funds sent us for Masses to be said for the soul of your deceased parishioners. We have assigned it to Zambia at this time.

These funds come at a time when we are even more aware of the importance of the work that we support thanks to the generosity and trust of people across Canada.

On July 5th we heard that Fr Stan Swamy SJ died. For over 50 years, he worked tirelessly for poor and marginalized communities in India. Fr Stan was incarcerated for 9 months. He suffered from Parkinson's disease and his health continued to deteriorate while in prison. Despite this, the court refused to grant him bail. He finally died after contracting COVID-19.

CJI actively engaged in an international campaign in solidarity with Fr. Stan and the other 15 human rights defenders who were detained with him. Some of our supporters joined us in this campaign by sending cards and speaking against this unjust incarceration.

This act of solidarity and love showed Fr Stan that he was not alone in his fight for the recognition of the rights of the most marginalized people in society. Fr Stan's life and death has inspired many to continue to fight for truth and justice. And it inspires us to work alongside them for truth and justice not only in India, but in Honduras, Haiti, Colombia, South Sudan, Syria and many other countries.

With gratitude and prayers



Jenny Cafiso
Executive Director

Your gift in May of \$85.00 was allocated to CJI – Zambia Province for Masses